

September 7, 2004

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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION (SONGS) - NRC BULLETIN
2003-01 RE: POTENTIAL IMPACT OF DEBRIS BLOCKAGE ON EMERGENCY
SUMP RECIRCULATION AT PRESSURIZED-WATER REACTORS
(TAC NOS.MB9610 AND MB9611)

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The NRC staff has completed its preliminary review of your submittal, and has identified a number of items for which additional information is needed to complete the review. As discussed with Mr. Jack Rainsberry of your staff on August 30, 2004, we request that you respond within 30 days of receipt of this request for additional information to support our closeout goal. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8450.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362

Enclosure: Request for Additional Information

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

NRC BULLETIN 2003-01: POTENTIAL IMPACT OF DEBRIS BLOCKAGE ON EMERGENCY

SUMP RECIRCULATION AT PRESSURIZED-WATER REACTORS (PWRs)

DOCKET NOS. 50-361 AND 50-362

By letter dated August 8, 2003, Southern California Edison Company (SCE or the licensee) provided its 60-day response to NRC Bulletin 2003-01 for SONGS, Units 2 and 3. The NRC staff has completed its preliminary review of your response and requests the following additional information to complete our review:

1. On page 5 of Attachment 1 of your Bulletin 2003-01 response, you state: "Licensed operator requalification training will be completed by November 30, 2003 to address loss of flow/loss of pump suction while in recirculation mode of emergency core cooling. The training will address indications of sump clogging and subsequent Severe Accident Management Guidelines." However, your response does not completely discuss the operator training to be implemented. Please provide a detailed discussion of the operating procedures to be implemented, the indications of sump clogging that the operators are instructed to monitor, and the response actions the operators are instructed to take in the event of sump clogging and loss of ECCS recirculation capability.
2. On page 1 of Attachment 1 of your Bulletin 2003-01 response you state: "Additionally, Westinghouse is evaluating potential changes to the guidance in CEN-152. SCE plans to review the potential changes after they become available and make procedural modifications as appropriate." The Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) has developed operational guidance in response to Bulletin 2003-01 for Westinghouse and Combustion Engineering type PWRs. Please provide a discussion of your plans to consider implementing this new WOG guidance. Include a discussion of the WOG recommended compensatory measures that have been or will be implemented at your plant, and the evaluations or analyses performed to determine which of the WOG recommended changes are acceptable at your plant. Provide technical justification for those WOG recommended compensatory measures not being implemented by your plant. Also include a detailed discussion of the procedures being modified, the operator training being implemented, and your schedule for implementing these compensatory measures.

3. NRC Bulletin 2003-01 provides possible interim compensatory measures licensees could consider to reduce risks associated with sump clogging. In addition to those compensatory measures listed in Bulletin 2003-01, licensees may also consider implementing unique or plant-specific compensatory measures, as applicable. Please discuss any possible unique or plant-specific compensatory measures you considered for implementation at your plant. Include a basis for rejecting any of these additional considered measures.

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